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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Dear Sir:

In compliance with an uncompromising duty to disclose, Applicant wishes to bring to the attention a recently issued U.S. patent, U.S. Pat. No. 6,641,860 (the '860 patent). The '860 patent issued on November 4, 2003. Thus, the reference is being submitted within three (3) months of the time it first became available. Accordingly, it is believed no fee is required.

The claims of the subject application are believed to be patentable over the '860 patent. Enclosed is a Form PTO-1449 and a copy of the reference listed therein.

This Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being made pursuant to the duty of disclosure imposed by law and formulated in 37 CFR 1.56(A). No representation is made that the information thus disclosed in fact constitute prior art or that it is the closest prior art, inasmuch as 37 CFR 1.56(A) relies on a materiality concept which depends on subjectivity.

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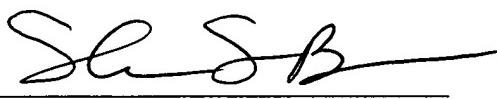
The enclosed Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted within three months of the availability of the patent, as certified in the attached Certification for Information Disclosure Statement. Therefore, we believe there are no fees involved with this prior art disclosure statement.

Respectfully submitted,


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